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YOUTH GOES TO ALBANY: A part of the 1,000 youth at Grand Central Terminal yesterday morning as they prepared to go to Albany to ask the state legislature to pass a number of bills to improve educational facilities in New York. Gov. Dewey and his Republican friends in the legislature gave the youth the cold shoulder later in the day. —Daily Worker Photo by Peter

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EISLER CASE COLLAPSING --BUT HE'S STILL HELD

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Dewey is finding it hard to Buffalo the teachers

WORLD EVENTS

Bevin Blames Truman for Palestine Snag

Britain's Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin aired a lot of dirty linen on the Palestine issue yesterday, in an attack on President Truman and former secretary of state, James F. Byrnes.

Leading off the debate in Commons on what Britain can expect from a United Nations discussion on Palestine, Bevin made three points:

1) That President Truman wrecked Britain's negotiations with Arab and Jewish leaders last autumn by issuing a demand for immediate admission of 100,000 Jews into the Holy Land.

2) That Truman issued his appeal on the eve of Tom Kippur, explaining to Premier Clement Attlee that he had to do so because Gov. Thomas E. Dewey was about to make a Yom Kippur statement, too.

DISOWNS BALFOUR

3. That Britain no longer considers itself committed to a Jewish national home in the Holy Land, as pledged by the Balfour declaration, since the issue is now coming before the UN.

It's up to the United Nations to decide, said Bevin, whether Palestine should be an Arab state, a Jewish state, or a Palestinian state in which Jewish and Arab interests are "as carefully balanced and protected as possible."

Bevin warned of "wider trouble" in the Middle East unless the Palestine problem is settled He attacked the Zionist Jewish Agency as largely dominated "from New York," and maintained Britain was prepared to admit Jewish displaced persons from Europe to the same extent as other great powers.

BITTER AT U. S.

He was particularly bitter because the United States took part in the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry last summer, but refused to accept any of its recommendations except the 100,000 immigration proposal.

Bevin's review of the Palestine issue, cheered by Commons, was of course a careful alibi of Britain's manipulations.

At the same time, Bevin's bitter rebuke to Truman disclosed the growing hostility between the U. S. and Britain in the Near East. It showed how the White House used the immigration issue to muscle in on the British position. Truman's excuse—that the GOP would make capital of the Jewish issue on the eve of the November elections—exposes how cynically both major American parties have used the Palestine problem.

Wm. Foster Greeted On 66th Birthday

The National Committee of the Communist Party cabled greetings to William Z. Foster on the occasion of his 66th birthday yesterday. Foster is now in London. The greetings will be published tomorrow.

Eisler Gets the Runaround

By Joseph Starobin

Sixteen days have passed since Gerhart Eisler, the noted anti-fascist, was transferred from Ellis Island to the Federal House of Detention in New York.

Three weeks have gone by since his arrest as "an enemy alien." A week ago Thursday, Judge Francis Caffey heard testmony disputing the legality of Eisler's arrest. Now the judge is asking for more testimony this Thursday morning.

All signs point to a legal run-around for Eisler. There's every indication that the Department of Justice knows it has no case against Eisler, but is illegally detaining him.

Last Saturday Leonard Lyons of the New York Post spilled the beans: "Judge Caffey's decision when it comes will be academic. The current proceedings are merely a stop-gap to hold Eisler for a few days—until he is indicted criminally. The Department of Justice is having difficulty with the indictments because some of his 'perjured statements' . . . now are outlawed by the statute of limitations."

THE FACTS

The statute of limitations means that a man cannot be prosecuted three, six, or ten years after an alleged offense was committed. Lyons' item therefore sheds a bit of light on the shameful way Eisler has been treated.

The facts are:

- **Eisler was arrested without a warrant, which was itself illegal. The warrant arrived days later.**
- **Eisler has been illegally arrested as an "enemy alien." He isn't an enemy alien. His papers show him to have been born of an Austrian father. Throughout the war the government considered him Austrian, which he is. He was never asked to register as an enemy alien during his five-and-a-half years of enforced stay in this country.**
- **The government knows that it has no case against Eisler, because the so-called crimes with which he is charged are beyond the limits of the statute of limitations. The case will not stand up in any unbiased courtroom.**
- **The FBI and the State Department knew all about Eisler's history six years ago. Yet he was never arrested in those days when this nation was in mortal peril.** The FBI and the State Department cleared Eisler and gave him an exit permit eight months ago. Why, then, are they keeping him here now?

The answer is plain—and it's a shameful case of deliberately violating the American tradition of civil liberties.

Eisler has been held illegally, because the Un-American Committee, in cahoots with Attorney General Tom Clark, is trying to blow up a big red scare against labor and the Communist movement.

It's time the farce is ended. Eisler should be released, and the persecution against him stopped. He should be allowed to return to Germany.

Soviets Offer Backing To U.S. on Trusteeships

The Soviet Union will support the United States in the latter's quest for a trusteeship over the Pacific Islands conquered from Japan, it was disclosed in Washington yesterday.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall told his press conference that a note from the USSR was received on Monday. He did not give the text.

MARSHALL

The Soviet stand, according to Marshall, points out the great sacrifices made entirely by U.S. troops in taking the Carolines, the Marshalls and the Marianas, formerly mandated to Japan.

[Andrei Gromyko, Soviet vice-deputy for foreign affairs, declined to comment.]

The Soviet note means that when the United States asks for a strategic trusteeship from the UN Trusteeship Council, the USSR will back it.

But the question still remains open as to whether the trusteeship arrangement will go through at the first meeting of the UN body, scheduled for March 15. Until early February, both Britain and the Soviet Union argued final disposition of the former Japanese bases should await signature of the Japanese treaty.

Marshall also disclosed:

1. John Foster Dulles, GOP brain-truster and anti-Sovieteer, will attend the Moscow parleys.

2. Romania has accepted U.S. stipulations in connection with the food grant.

3. The incident over Undersecretary Dean Acheson's slur on the Soviet Union's policy as "expansive and aggressive" is considered "closed" by the State Department.

4. The U.S. hopes the Indian parties will accept Britain's "clear-cut challenge" and unite by June, 1948.

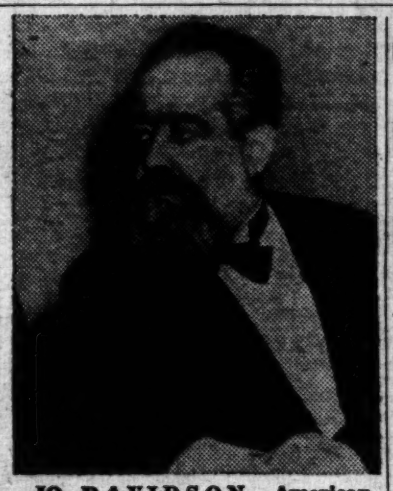
U.S. to Bar Aid To War Allies

Under Secretary of State Clayton assured the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday that relief, under the administration's proposed $350,000,000 program, will go only to those countries whose forms of government and attitudes are pleasing to the United States.

No relief will go to Russia, Clayton said.

Zhdanov Resigns

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Col. Gen. Andrei Zhdanov has resigned as president of the Supreme Soviet because of the pressure of other work, Radio Moscow announced tonight.



JO DAVIDSON, American sculptor, announced that a manifesto calling for disarmament of Germany, has been signed by outstanding American writers and artists. The manifesto, addressed to the Big Four foreign ministers Meeting in Moscow, had previously been signed by leading European intellectuals.

UN Atom Talks Continue Friday

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 25.—Warren Austin, U. S. delegate to the Security Council, proposed yesterday that disagreements on atomic energy control be referred back to UN's Atomic Energy Commission.

Austin urged that the Council also adopt a resolution which "notes with satisfaction . . . the far-reaching extent of agreement" so far achieved.

The resolution was held over until Friday after the Soviet delegate, Andrei Gromyko, queried Austin on whether the Atomic Energy Commission might produce a plan by-passing the Security Council's jurisdiction.

Civil Liberties Union Protests Eisler Arrest

The American Civil Liberties Union has protested the arrest of Gerhart Eisler in a letter to Attorney General Tom Clark, the ACLU announced yesterday.

The group's letter told Clark that a request for "surveillance" made by the Un-American Activities Committee did not justify Eisler's arrest. It declared "the arrest was made without justification in order to appease those who were representing Eisler in the press as a dangerous alien about to flee the country." It pointed out that Eisler had no facilities for leaving the U. S.

The **Neues Deutschland**, official newspaper of the Socialist Unity Party in Germany, termed the contention that Eisler as head of the American Communist Party "silly and laughable," and urged his release.

The newspaper declared that reactionary circles in the United States are exploiting the Eisler case in line with their attack on progressive forces to advance their domestic political objectives.

British Help Indian Gov't Attack Moslems

British troops were called in yesterday to help "restore order" in Amritsar, Punjab Province, when Indian Government police fired on Moslem demonstrators protesting the provincial government's ban on public meetings.

Who Got the Swag in Atom Mystery?

By Joseph Clark

What the commercial press played up as a Russian menace story on Monday has turned out to be a story of:

- How the U. S. spirited away a German uranium pile from the French occupation zone in the Reich's;
- How most German scientists working on atomic and rocket work are in the U. S.

With the aid of a Nazi scientist who worked on atomic bombs for Germany, the Associated Press and the commercial papers tried to put over a royal hoax on the American public last Monday.

Dr. Werner Heisenberg helped build up Germany's uranium pile during the war. Prodded directly by Hitler, German physicists, including Heisenberg, were working to develop an atomic bomb.

On Feb. 23, the bought-and-paid-for U. S. press featured a sensational interview with Heisenberg charging the Russians had hired three German scientists to work in the Soviet Union. Thus angled, the story buried or twisted these facts:

THE FACTS

1. That the German uranium pile which Heisenberg helped build up was in "Haigerloch . . . within the zone that the French Army was in the proces of occupying early in 1945." But, as the Nazi doctor explained, "the French didn't get the uranium pile. All of it was removed by an American (scientific intelligence) force before, apparently, the French knew what was happening."

2. Associated Press helped whitewash Heisenberg, letting him get away with the statement: "We went ahead with the uranium pile, having committed ourselves to nothing more than research into energies for machines." Hitler's entire atomic bomb project, was a peaceful endeavor to power machines, not a race to get the atom bomb, according to Heisenberg and his American newspaper friends. The AP palms that whitewash of the Nazis off as the gospel truth.

3. AP continues the whitewash of Heisenberg by painting him as a peaceful, virtuous man who refused Russian and American offers to work on atomic energy. But, as the **New Republic** shows in its forthcoming issue, Heisenberg "had accepted a post with the Navy Ministry of the Peron government." He was dissuaded from doing so by the British.

4. The same issue of the **N. Y. Times**, which plays up the Russian menace angle, has a story by C. L. Sulzberger admitting: **"that the United States took its principal reparations from Germany in the form of brains, and that these brains, largely interested in atomic development or rockets are mainly in the United States; that the Soviet Union was able to obtain only minor consignments of such 'war booty.'"**

Underlying this newspaper fraud is the arrogant (or naive) assumption, that some divine providence ordains that only the U. S. will, should and can have atomic energy.

LABOR *and the* NATION

Teacher Strikers Holding Firm

By Harry Raymond

BUFFALO, Feb. 25.—Teachers waded through snowdrifts shoulder-high today to strengthen schoolhouse picket lines as the nation's greatest strike of public educators surged ahead without sign of early settlement. Classrooms in 77 of the city's 98 elementary and high schools were shut tight for the second day.

The 21 schools remaining open attracted fewer students than appeared yesterday when the strike started. Nearly 65,000 of Buffalo's 71,000 school children continued unscheduled vacations.

Refusal of the Teamsters Union to deliver coal to the struck schools today made imminent the closing of Lafayette High School. Lafayette is one of two high schools remaining open.

Raymond J. Ast, public school principal and leader of the Buffalo Teachers Federation, said the teachers will absent themselves from classrooms until the demand for wage increases is met by city and state officials.

FIGHT TO FINISH

"We are determined to fight this to a finish," Ast declared.

At Statler Hotel strike headquarters it was estimated 2,500 of the city's 3,000 teachers have left the schools.

Fourteen high school principals joined the walkout. Only two reported for work. Twelve elementary principals also absented themselves.

All teachers are demanding a $1,023 year increase in pay.

Mayor Dowd, the Common Council and the Board of Education, meanwhile, passed the buck one to another.

Only three of the five-member Board of Education appeared at a scheduled meeting this morning.

The Board members hurled charges at each other. Wallace H. Miller, assailed School Supt. Robert T. Bast for failing to act during the period prior to the strike. He exonerated Mayor Dowd's Republican administration, despite the fact that the wage problem is budgetary and strictly within the Mayor's province.

The meeting broke up with no action taken. Board member Mrs. Charles Roth said the teachers had exhausted all means of settling their grievances. She said:

"The money must be found."

Under the state-restricted budget the city has only a total of $31,000 available for increased teachers' salaries.

TWO SOLUTIONS

There are two solutions to the problem:

1. More State aid must come from the Legislature in Albany.

2. Or the City must increase its real estate taxes.

William E. Prichard and Fred E. Kamprath, Federation representatives, are in Albany to plead the teachers' case.

It was reported at strike headquarters that high Republican spokesmen in Albany are threatening to cut Buffalo's State aid to education if the strike continues.

This and other threats of anti-strike legislation has left the teachers undaunted.

One teacher, who said his income is $200 less today than when he started teaching 25 years ago, put it this way:

'We've settled the question of whether the government worker can strike by our action. Laws are written in a democracy to enforce majority customs and opinion. The majority of Americans are wage earners. And the majority believes in the right to strike for a just cause. No law or threats of laws can stop strike action."

The strike appears to have the support of the Buffalo general public. Both AFL and CIO are backing the teachers.

WIRE SUPPORT

Telegrams and letters supporting the strike from all over the nation are on a huge bulletin board at strike headquarters. They come from faculties of scores of New York City schools, from the "United Labor Unions" in Gloversville, from the Young women's Christian Ass'n, from the American Labor Party.

Teachers in Detroit and Chicago, who have taken strike votes, are keeping close touch with the situation here. The Chicago strike is scheduled for March 1.

Wherever students and teachers meet on the picket line there is a friendly get-together. There are always students to relieve the teachers for a short spell picketing.

An elderly woman, Mrs. Carl Mund, put coffee on the stove and threw her home open as a strike canteen. Mrs. Mund lives next door to the LaFayette school. For two days she has been warming the spirit of the pickets with an apparent inexhaustible supply of coffee.

None of the students appear to be wasting their time. With sleds and skates they are taking advantage of the recreational advantage offered by the strike and three-day heavy snowfall.

GOP Rebuffs Youth Delegates in Albany

By Max Gordon

ALBANY, Feb. 25.—No state troopers were visible today as a thousand young people from a wide variety of organizations, came here today from all over the state to plead for education and housing.

Gov. Dewey and his legislative leaders had apparently learned a lesson after last week's ban on the housing delegation.

Organized by the New York Youth Council, the delegation came here in behalf of the Austin-Mahoney bill to end discrimination in education; the Steingut-Quinn bill to set up a state university; the Olliffe-Condon bill for more state aid to schools; the Sherbell-Kaplan and Jack bills to tighten rent control; the Steingut-Quinn bill for another $50,000,000 for Veterans Emergency Housing; and the Kaplan-Sherbell measure for a 75-cent minimum wage.

If the Governor and his entourage hoped for some incident to get them out of the jam caused by last week's act, they were disappointed. The Youth lobby went through its business of buttonholing the legislators without a hitch and then met in Chancellors' Hall to listen to reports and to various Democratic and American Labor Party legislators.

NON-COMMITTAL

Reporting for the delegation that saw Assembly Speaker Oswald D. Heck, Ruth Katz, of B'Nai B'Rrith, said Heck would back the bill to bar discrimination in education if the plan to end tax exemption for those who discriminate were left out. The tax proviso is the heart of the measure.

Heck was non-committal on a State University and opposed more state aid to education. He said housing was a Federal responsibility.

Senate Majority Leader Benjamin Feinberg gave five minutes to the delegation led by Hellen Lubin of Junior Hadasah and refused comment on the Austin-Mahoney measure. He said he opposed the State University.

A delegation headed by William Mishkin of Students for Democratic Action was assigned to see Dewey but got no further than an assistant attorney general, who told them Dewey believes all the problems they raised need further study.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Arthur Wicks told a group he would back the Austin-Mahoney bill.

The delegates decided to build more Youth Councils and come back to Albany every year.

Another group, consisting of college students, is scheduled to come here Saturday on the Austin-Mahoney bill.

Child Care Bill Up at Albany

ALBANY, Feb. 25.—A bill to allow the State Youth Commission to continue the child care program was introduced today by Sen. William F. Condon (R-West).

The measure beats the deadline for new bills to be introduced this session by just one day.

Sen. Condon said his measure was not an administration proposal but was based simply on pressure from his own constituency, which includes Yonkers. No administration bill has yet been introduced. The only other child care measure, calling for a $2,500,000 appropriation until June 30, 1950, was sponsored by Sen. Arthur Wachtel, Bronx Democrat.

500 UPW Stewards Back Teachers Strike

Five hundred shop stewards representing 27 locals of the CIO United Public Workers of America, voted support to the striking Buffalo teachers.

Maritime Workers Warn Congress Of Trust Conspiracy

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The CIO National Maritime Union and International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union today told Congress unions are the fall guy in a move to take the public eye off the monopolists.

"The barrage of anti-labor bills is part of a conspiracy to divert attention from the growing power of monopoly," the NMU told the Senate Labor Committee.

"We frankly believe that the long-range plans of powerful monopoly interests require industrial strife and economic chaos," said the NMU. "Their strategy is to dissipate the energy and resources of the American people, to destroy their unions and render the common man helpless to protect himself from those elements who would bring fascism to America."

The ILWU declared:

"It is the monopolistic drive for profit which is at the core of America's economic problems today. . . . It is this very profit hunger which led our country into economic disaster before and seems set upon leading us once more down the road to economic collapse and depression."

EXAMPLES OF DEMOCRACY

The two unions pointed to their own organizations as examples of living Democracy.

Collective bargaining would become a meaningless term if the measures were enacted, the NMU said. It advocated strengthening the Wagner Act and increasing the penalties against employer violators.

The House Labor Committee heard President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen assail a dozen proposals for weakening the Wagner Act and the Railway Labor Act.

Among changes in the RLA Whitney suggested:

1. To allow unions to request a fact-finding board in a dispute before the strike vote, rather than afterward.

2. To set up Regional Adjustment Boards to cut down the current waiting time of six and seven years in grievance cases, now handled by the Railroad Adjustment Board.

3. To authorize dues checkoff.

4. To remove provision which prohibits union security agreements.

Jurisdiction strikes, he said, were "grossly over-exaggerated," and made up only two percent of the working time lost through strikes since 1927.

DUBINSKY-WOLL

David Dubinsky and Matthew Woll got in their licks before the Senate Committee and found Sen. Joseph H. Ball (R-Minn) in a restrained mood. They spoke for the closed shop, the check-off and industry-wide bargaining.

As head of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers, Dubinsky told the committee that although his union permits a wide area of local autonomy, "I wouldn't want to give exclusive bargaining rights to local unions."

That point surprised Ball, who thought he had at last found a major labor leader whose organization bargained locally.

Dubinsky also defended health and welfare funds.

GOP Congressmen, in an effort to avoid new charges of partiality, decided yesterday to invite Allis-Chalmers' strikers to appear.

Fight for Nurseries: **These seven mothers left for Albany yesterday morning to ask Gov. Dewey and Commisioner Gauhn of the State Youth Commission to continue the city nursery and after-school program, now threatened with closing since no specific allocation of funds has been made for their upkeep in the new budget. Thes mothers are: (l. to r.) Adele Lithauer, teacher; Janet Karlson, writer; Ann Boldt, secretary; Edith Lutzker, office worker; Charlotte Donneti, waitress, and Mary West, musician.** —Daily Worker Photo by Peter

NEW YORK

Nassau Cop Beats Elderly Negro Here

By John Hudson Jones

A Nassau County cop, off duty in New York City, beat up a 60-year-old Negro businessman, Leo Nettleton, early Sunday at the Harlem entrance to the Tri-Borough Bridge. The cop's name is Charles Joseph Ferris of 468 Louis Ave., South Floral Park. His badge number is 235.

Nettleton who operates the Harlem DeLuxe Music Shop at 2146 Seventh Ave., was driving to his home at 106-08 Northern Blvd, Corona, when his motor stalled. The car behind crashed into him.

As he opened his door to get out, he related, "This fellow ran up cursing, flashed a police badge, pulled me out and started to punch me."

After knocking Nettleton to the concrete, Ferris went back to his car, in which another man and a woman were riding. The man had bumped his head on the windshield during the crash.

WOMAN JOINS IN

The woman got out and came back to Nettleton with Ferris, They both proceeded to beat and kick him.

"The woman was cursing and slapping me," Nettleton told the Daily Worker. "And the cop said 'you black s-----b----, if I had my gun with me I'd blow you brains out!'"

After taking all of Nettleton's papers from his pocket, Ferris and the woman left him on the pavement and drove away. Bleeding and bruised, Nettleton managed to get back into his car and drive to the 25th Precinct at 148 E. 126 St., where he reported the incident.

While in the precinct, a report came through from the Hospital for Joint Diseases, where the man in Ferris' car had been taken for treatment. It declared that Nettleton had hit the Ferris car and left the scene of the accident.

THREAT REPEATED

Patrolman Cotter (badge no. 10103), who was taking Nettleton's story, took him to the hospital for treatment. His left eye was cut and closed. There were deep lacerations on his ears temple and chin. During the beating Ferris and the woman banged him up and down on the concrete. This resulted in bad knee and shin bruises.

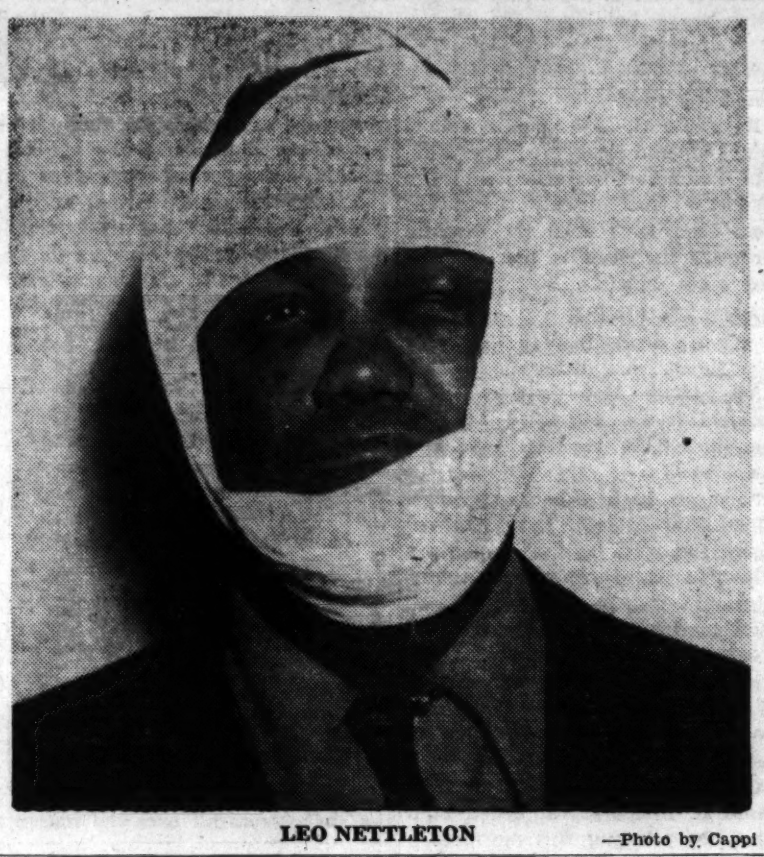
At the hospital, Nettleton said, Ferris again cursed him and in the hearing of Patrolman Cotter and a doctor said again, "If I had my gun I'd blow your brains out!" He claimed that his car, a 1937 Ford, had been hit by Nettleton.

D. A.'S INVESTIGATING

The next day Nettleton reported the incident to city marshal Walter Reifer, a Queens Democratic leader.

Feifer notified the Queens and New York district attorneys, who have assigned investigators.

The Communist Party in Corona is issuing leaflets to the neighborhood and, in cooperation with the local Democratic club and other organizations, is organizing a protest meeting for weekend.



LEO NETTLETON —Photo by Cappi

Bronx Tenants Rally Tonight

A Bronx tenants' rally will be held tonight (Wednesday) at P. S. 75 at Faille St. and Bruckner Blvd., under the auspices of the Boulevard Consumers and Tenants Council. Speakers include Dr. Charles Obermeyer, educational director of the National Maritime Union, and Dr. Helen Harris, executive secretary of the Bronx Tenants Council on Housing.

ACA Agrees to Poll At Western Union Here

John Wieners, chairman of Local 40, American Communications Association, CIO, announced yesterday the union had agreed to an election on March 28 to determine the collective bargaining agent for 6,000 employes of the Western Union Telegraph Co. in the metropolitan area.

Western Union employes will choose between the American Communications Association, CIO and the Commercial Telegraphers Union, AFL. The ACA has been recognized as collective bargaining agent in New York since 1942, having defeated the CTU-AFL in elections held in May, 1942; October, 1942, and January, 1945.

On Feb. 5 the ACA notified Western Union of its intention to open negotiations for a new agreement to succeed the present contract which terminates March 31. Among the major demands of the ACA are a 21-cents-an-hour general wage increase, union shop, reduced work week from 45-1/3 hours to 40 hours, and a lump sum estimated at about $1,000,000 for retroactive increases for some 1,500 senior employes.

"It is our judgment that the AFL petition for an election was motivated solely by a desire to stall negotiations on wage increases and improvements of working conditions," Wieners declared. "To prevent such a stall and to get quickly down to the business at hand—that is, negotiation of wage increases and other job conditions for New York employes, we have consented to a quick election."

ALP Plans Bronx Rallies

The Assembly District Clubs of the Bronx County American Labor Party are holding Town Hall meetings on matters of importance to the constituents of the district; rent control anti-labor legislation, the Brees bills and problems of discrimination with particular reference to the Austin-Mahoney Bill.

The following have already been scheduled:

- Feb. 26—12th A. D.—Fordham Club at 1 East Fordham Road, Bronx.
- Feb. 28—Parkchester Club at Ward Ave. and E. 172 St., Bronx.
- Feb. 28—Parkcheste Club at Chester House, 1380 Metropolitan Ave.
- March 6—5th A. D. at Hunts Point Palace, 163 St. and Southern Blvd.
- March 6—8th A. D.—at 703 East Tremont Ave., Bronx. (club headquarters).
- March 13—13th A. D. Bainbridge Club at P S. 80 Mosholu Parkway and Van Cortland Ave.

Speakers at the rallies will include Paul Ross, secretary to Mayor O'Dwyer; Councilmen Michael J. Quill and Eugene P. Connolly; Congressman Vito Marcantonio; State Senator Kenneth Sherbell; Assemblyman Samuel Kaplan; Leo Isacson, State ALP Legislative Director; Alfred K. Stern, chairman Emergency Committee on Rent and Housing, Daniel Allen, N. Y. CIO Political Action Director, Jack Steinberg, Progressive Citizens of America, Morris Gainor, Painters Union AFL; and Milton Balsam, Iron Workers Union AFL.

UOP Supports HR 1992

A nation-wide campaign in support of HR 1992, a bill extending social security coverage to non-profit employees, was launched this week by the CIO Office and Professional Workers.

HR 1992 was introduced last week at the union's request by Rep. Herman Eberharter, (D-Pa), of the House Ways and Means Committee.

CITY CIO ASKS LEGISLATURE TO PASS HOUSING BILLS

The city CIO yesterday called on the State Legislature to enact bills for new public housing and increased funds for municipal operations introduced at the request of Mayor William O'Dwyer.

Defeat of the Condon-Wadlin bill to penalize teachers and public employes who go on strike was also urged by the CIO, which described the measure as "part of the vindictive pattern followed by Republicans all over the country."

Among the bills which the CIO asked the Legislature to approve are those calling for a new $300,000,000 bond issue to finance permanent low-cost housing, and another $9,000,000 for state subsidies to local housing authorities.

Other bills which the CIO is supporting call for return to New York City for additional $23,000,000 of state-shared tax collections, return of the amount of cigarette taxes here, and revision of the system of sharing welfare costs by crediting the city instead of the state with federal contributions.

Dinner Raises $12,000 To Aid Greek Patriots

Over $12,000 to aid political prisoners in Greec was raised at a dinner given by American Relief for Greek Democracy Monday night at the Hotel Commodore. Leland Stowe, guest of honor, declared the policy of the present Greek regime backed by British power is the policy of Hitler carried out under the old pretense of saving Greece from Communism. Stowe recalled when he visited Greece in 1940 the soldiers and citizens with whom he talked did not discuss Communism, but a republic, representing all democratic parties.

Other speakers, including Congressman Celler and Ira Hirschmann, asked for relief for the Greek people in return for their heroic battle against Mussolini's Army early in the war.

Celler charged the Greek government with deliberate misuse of UNRRA relief to starve Greek democrats into submission to the monarchist dictatorship.

A message from Alcibiades Loulis, president of the National Mutual Aid of Greece, now in exile on the island of Iskarias in the Aegan sea, told of the concentration camp conditions in which political prisoners are held.

Messages pledging support to the Greek people's cause were received from Henry Wallace Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Chester Bowles, Senator Glenn Taylor (D-Ida.), Albert Einstein, former Governor of Georgia Ellis Arnall, and actress Katina Paxinou.

In a statement to the press later Michael Mandelenakis, secretary of the American Council for a Democratic Greece, charged a "conspiracy of silence" has deprived the American people of the anti-monarchist spokesmen's statements before the UN Investigating Commission.

He said the EAM delegate Michael Kyrkos, spoke for two hours before the Commission, submitting evidence disproving charges that other Balkan nations are arming the Greek guerrilla.

Krykos also presented suggestions for the formation of an independent Greece purged of fascist and collaborationist enemies, he said.

Urge Child Care Centers Be Kept

Continuation of the present Day Care program for another year until March 31, 1948, has been urged by the New York City Legislative Committee of Day Care Centers.

At a recent meeting of 350 representatives of social agency and child care center boards, staff and parents, the committee urged that centers be expanded.

Wise Raps Bias In Senate Hiring

Dr. Stephen S. Wise president of the American Congress, sent a letter Monday to Senate Majority Leader Wallace H. White, Jr., stating applicants to White's office for jobs on Senate committee are being asked their religion and that this question "is clearly obnoxious to the principles of the constitution."

Dr. Wise urged this unconstitutional practice be ended immediately.

Dr. Wise pointed out that in addition to the first amendment guaranteeing freedom of religion Article VI Section 3 of the constitution provides "no religion test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

Questioning an applicant's religion Dr. Wise wrote, has no conceivable value "other than to be used as a basis for discrimination," Such questions are forbidden by the Civil Service Commission.

Brooklyn 'Y' Workers Vote to Strike

Building Service employes of the Brooklyn YWCA and the Harriet Judson Residence, members of Local 19, UOPWA-CIO, have voted to strike. The "Y" Board of Directors rejected the union's demand for a 15 cent an hour increase and a 44-hour week, and has refused the union's standing offer to arbitrate. The strike will involve maids, porters, elevator operators, firemen, mechanics, and handymen, and is expected to paralyze hotel service at the two institutions.

Condolences

Sincere sympathy to COMRADE FELIX RIDGE on the death of his Wife.
—N. Y. County Comm., C.P.

To Milt—Our heartfelt condolences on the untimely death of your wife, MIKI. —White Plains Club, C.P.

ATTENTION

Section, County and Club Press Directors!
Effective March 10, the price of the Daily Worker in "Club Bundles" is .03¾ per copy
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Eighth Ave. Crash Victim: An unidentified passanger is carried from the crumpled Eighth Ave. bus, one of 14 injured when a Maywood, N. J., bus skidded on the ice and crashed into the local vehicle.

NMU Meet Demands End to Inner Strife

A resolution demanding that officers of the CIO National Maritime Union unite around a program that "still remains on paper" after four months, and stop internal strife, was passed yesterday by an overwhelming vote of the union's membership meeting. The meeting at the union's hall, was a continuation of the membership meeting recessed the night before at Manhattan Center.

Following adoption of the resolution by an almost unanimous vote, the meeting by a similar vote rejected a resolution asking vice-presidents Howard McKenzie and Joseph Stack and secretary Ferdinand Smith to resign. The latter resolution, sponsored by a supporter of President Joseph Curran of the NMU, was booed when it was read.

The resolution came in face of an announcement by Curran, when the meeting was about to recess the night before, that he would prefer charges against Stack at the next meeting of officers.

Recalling the program of "battle plans" that was passed by the NMU National Council in defense of threatened standards, wholesale ship transfers to foreign flags and against deportation of alien seamen, the resolution said:

"Four months have passed and the program still remains on paper. Instead of the united mobilization to bring this program to life we have witnessed a bitter inner struggle in the union. The union's program for porkchops and jobs is forgotten.

Our plans to unite the maritime workers and win public support for our needs lies unused in the union's files, and the unity of the membership is split over differences of opinion among the leadership The destructive inner struggle has reached the disastrous point where the resignation of national officers Smith, McKenzie and Stack is now being demanded because of their beliefs.

"Such a turn of events can only result in greater disunity in the union. It can only achieve further disruption and weakening of the union's fighting power. It can only serve the interests of the shipowners who are anxious for a weak and divided NMU.

"We the undersigned members in good standing of the NMU demand an immediate end to this struggle in the union. We demand the unification of the leadership and membership for militant struggle to protect and advance our economic and political needs. We demand the immediate fulfillment of the program of October, 1946, National Council meeting."

The resolution was submitted over the signatures of a large number of NMU members.

The wholesale transfer of ships to foreign flags but still under operation of American firms, was the main theme of Monday night's meeting. The menace of unemployment as a result of this anti-union policy was pictured by Port agent Paul Palazzi. A resolution calling upon the national officers for action and demonstrations was referred to them.

Rank and File Slate Nominated by Cutters

Charles Stein, veteran leader of Cutters Local 10 was nominated by the Rank and File for the post of manager now held by Isidore Nagler. Stein, outstanding old-timer of the union was manager of the dress division before David Dubinsky became local manager. Nagler assumed command over the controlling machine left by Dubinsky when the latter became president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

In accepting the nomination, Stein noted that during Nagler's 8-year reign the standards of cutters, once the highest, were left behind other major crafts in the union.

Charles Afterman was nominated for assistant manager on the Rank and File ticket and Harry Neusbaum for local president.

THAT LAST REFUGE

Nominating speeches attacked Nagler's administration. It was recalled there were 21 suspensions to supress opposition since 1939.

Others charged the administration with dishonest conduct of elections and called for supervision by the Honest Ballot Assn. Nagler's reply was a tirade of red-baiting.

Preceding nominations there was a floor skirmish over election of the Election and Objection Committee. Rank and File supporters abstained from taking part in the voting when a secret ballot was refused.

The administration was assailed by spokesmen of the Cutters Veterans Assn. who also nominated candidates. The group demanded equal representation on the Election and Objection Committee, and an equal number of watchers to that of the administration group. They also demanded the right to use the local's list to reach members with campaign literature.

7 More Authors Rap School Ban on 'Paine'

Seven prominent writers yesterday protested the proposed ban on Howard Fast's best-seller **Citizen Tom Paine** as the Board of Education announced that it was meeting today to act on the recommendation of the Board of Superintendents.

A large delegation of leading cultural figures will appear at the meeting to demand the board reverse the superintendents' recommendation.

The seven writers were Carl Carmer, William Rose Benet, Margaret Halsey, Leane Zugsmith, Shirley Graham, Robert Carse and Mitchell Wilson. In a letter to Andrew G. Clauson, Jr., president of the board, they charged the censorship was **"far more injurious to the education of youth in the ideals of this nation"** than reading the so-called "purple passages" in **Citizen Tom Paine.**

The proposal to remove the book from the high school libraries was also condemned yesterday by the American Civil Liberties Union, which found that "the evidence as to character of this book does not appear to justify" it being banned.

The ban on Citizen Tom Paine was placed on the agenda for today's board meeting following approval last week of the superintendents' recommendation by a three-man committee of the board. The meeting will be held at the Board of Education, 110 Livingston St., Brooklyn, at 4 p.m.

Prof. Lyman Bradley of New York University will appear at the meeting today in opposition to the ban. He will represent the Civil Rights Congress and 30 other organizations which have opposed the superintendents' action.

Others among those scheduled to appear at the hearing are A. J. Liebling, a writer for the **New Yorker,** who will represent the Progressive Citizens of America, and Mrs. Rose Russell and Cyril Graze, who will speak for the CIO Teachers Union.

The proposed ban has stirred wide criticism from leading figures in the literary world. Last week 11 of the biggest publishing houses in the nation assailed the ban in a letter to Clauson. The **Herald Tribune** also attacked the ban editorially. Others who joined in criticism were Louis Untermeyer, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Arthur Miller, Marc Connelly and Lewis Gannett.

Pickets Liven Mass. Hearing On Rent Boost

Special to the Daily Worker

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Five hundred pickets yesterday marched before the State House during a hearing on a GOP-sponsored bill for a 15 percent increase when federal controls end.

Workers, mothers with children and students took part in the colorful demonstration for housing and rent control, bearing placards with slogans such as "Stop the GOP 15 Percent Rent Increase," "From Fox-Holes to In-laws" "What About Housing, Governor Bradford?"

The pickets, their numbers swelled by hundreds of packing-house workers who declared a half holiday to join the fight, then crowded into the hearing.

Keynoting the opposition to the measure was Arthur Timpson, chairman of the UE-CIO Vets committee, who told of the struggle of the average worker to make ends meet. Speakers from the NAACP, vets organizations, unions and the Communist Party assailed the bill.

Stung by the opposition, Sen. Sumner Whittier made a hysterical red-baiting attack on the opponents of his measure. Capitol police tried to eject a Communist Party representative who rose to protest. The audience forced the police to give up the attempt.

22 Rail Unions Agree on Joint Wage Campaign

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Twenty-two railway labor unions, including President A. F. Whitney's Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, agreed to work jointly in their 1947 wage drive.

Top leaders of the unions, with a total membership of 1,500,000, are scheduled to meet here Thursday for preliminary talks with presidents of 30 of the nation's major Class 1 railroads.

The move for joint action was initiated several months ago by Whitney's union.

The decision to act jointly heals a breach that sharpened during last year's railroad strike when the trainmen and Alvanley Johnston's Locomotive Engineers walked out while the others accepted Truman's terms.

Changes in working rules are expected to be the principal issue in negotiations along with wage raises.

COAST RALLIES TO FIGHT ANTI-LABOR BILLS

SAN FRANCISCO Feb. 25.—Numerous community rallies throughout the state are being planned as a result of the recent people's statewide legislative conference held at Sacramento to map the fight against anti-labor laws.

The conference was attended by 505 delegates representing 302 organizations. Labor representation included 143 from CIO unions, 59 from AFL unions, 27 from railroad lodges, and nine from independent unions.

Veterans, women's, Jewish fraternal, youth and other groups were represented as were the Progressive Citizens of America and the Democratic Party.

WELL ATTENDED

The delegates planned to hold demonstrations before the homes of legislators who authored or supported anti-labor laws in Washington or Sacramento. Delegates will also be organized to meet with city and county and state officials to request opposition to anti-labor legislation When possible, delegations will be sent to Washington.

The conferences eight-point program of labor legislation included: a wages and hours act to guarantee portal pay, a 30-hour week and a minimum wage of $1 an hour, repeal of the Hatch Act and other laws limiting labors political activity; support of the Hawkins bill in the state legislature which limits the use of injunction and restraining orders; and support of other labor bills in the state egislature.

The conference also adopted programs covering legislation for education, child welfare old age pensions, social security, health, housing and veterans.

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Kilroy's Corner

VETS STILL HAVE PROBLEMS

By Kilroy

I'VE BEEN AROUND, AS YOU KNOW. And I've seen a thing or two which has me pretty worried. You know I can write (at least three words), but you may not know that I'm a pretty good reader too.

I read everything. And for many months now I've been reading the Daily Worker and see where an old column that used to interest me has not been appearing for some time—Vets Voice.

I also read the **N. Y. Times** and I see where they too have wound up their veterans column. But what bothered me about the **Times** was the reason Charley Hurd gave for discontinuing his column. As I remember it, he said: "Since the (veterans) program, as a whole, has reached maturity, and the changes anticipated will be mostly matter of detail, the column is being discontinued with this issue."

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SO KILROY ISN'T a "problem" any more? But nobody bothered asking me. That's why you're going to hear from me in the Daily Worker. "Maturity" sounds like a two bit word and as used by the **Times** it means that everything is copacetic with the veterans program—no more Snafu.

Now if that's a fact, what are 1,000,000 Kilroys doing on the 52-20 rolls? According to some high toned folks and slick magazines these 1,000,000 Kilroys are just cheap chiselers, riding the gravy train.

And if the veterans program has eliminated my old foe Snafu it would mean that the half million Kilroys who tried to get into school, but couldn't are now enrolled.

Then take my old nemesis — HOUSING. If the veterans program is supposed to be running smoothly—what about the 3,000,000 Kilroys living with aunts, uncles and in-laws or in hopeless slums?

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YES, AND WHAT about that job training program—is every Kilroy who wants to learn a skilled trade getting the chance?

Jobs, housing, education and job training are just a few of the things that got me worried as I made the rounds of every community in America. There are 14,000,000 of us—World War II Kilroys and this country of ours is going to hear from us.

Just telling us that everything is fine and that we live in the best of all possible worlds doesn't put a roof over our heads. And it doesn't remove the blight of discrimination against 1,000,000 Negro Kilroys.

Finally, take this business of Kilroy organizations. I see where one of us has a court injunction out against an American Legion post which wants to expel him because he's a Communist.

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AS I REMEMBER those screaming meamies in the ETO and the knee mortars in the Pacific they didn't ask us what our politics were before they decided to sink a hunk of shrapnel in our flesh.

Plenty to say and do about the veterans' program. And high time, I'd say, for the 14,000,000 Kilroys to get together. No, we're not trying to cut ourselves off from the rest of the country.

We're citizens and we know that Kilroy's problems can be solved only together with the citizens of all the 48 states and Hawaii, too. We'll talk about that some more in our next corner.

Hyde Park Pilgrimage: Negro and white IWO Juniors from Brooklyn and Harlem last week made an interracial pilgrimage to the birthplace of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The youngsters are shown on one of the three buses (above) which carried 75 children and 75 adults to the site. Below, three Juniors carry a wreath to be placed on the former President's grave.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER

"I just got laid off the job with a bunch of guys in one of these 'new and expanding industries of the future'."

ECONOMIC ISSUES

RAILROAD LOBBY BUSY

By Labor Research Assn.

J. CARTER FORT gets $40,000 a year from the Association of American Railroads for protecting their interests in Washington. He is the second highest-paid lobbyist in the capital, the **Wall Street Journal** says, next only to the president of the National Association of Electric Companies.

Fort has a number of special concerns just now to increase the railroads' profits and cut down labor's share of revenues. As AAR general counsel he is trying to exempt the rail companies from enforcement of the anti-trust laws. At the same time he wants to reduce the amount the companies pay the workers in pensions and other benefits.

Chief immediate concern of Fort and the AAR is to attack the Crosser Act, passed in the closing days of the 79th Congress. This measure improved the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to provide survivors' benefits, raise the minimum pension to $50 a month, and increase the disability and unemployment insurance benefits.

These improved benefits for workers cost the railroad corporations about $95 million a year—an amount they would prefer to hold onto in profits. So their lobby is now engaged in a concerted drive all over the country to persuade employees that their tax is too high and that the Crosser Act is bad for them.

Companies' general offices are giving out a supply of form letters, each to be filled in and signed by an employee and mailed to his congressman. The railroad lobby's object is to wipe out the Crosser Act and save the companies' profits—but under the disguise of reducing the worker's tax.

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IF THE LOBBY succeeds and the Crosser Act is destroyed, the worker's retirement tax would be cut by only 1½ percent. But he would lose security benefits which **are at least four times as valuable** as those he had before the Act was passed.

Fort and the AAR lobby have a second major concern and that is to pass the Reed-Bulwinkle bill, introduced by Sen. Clyde Reed, Kansas Republican, and by Rep. Alfred L. Bulwinkle, North Carolina Democrat. Under this measure the roads could defy the Sherman anti-trust law and the Clayton Act and set freight rates pretty much as they pleased.

Reactionary Republicans plan to rush the bill through quickly "before the calendar gets crowded with other legislation," Senator Reed says. The lobby hopes to get it passed before opponents can marshal their forces against it.

The monopoly practice of rate-fixing by agreement would thus become legal under this bill, subject only to approval of the ICC, which usually does what the rail companies want. Passage of the bill would almost certainly throw out the government's anti-trust case against 47 roads and their officers who were involved in the Western Agreement to fix rates.

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NOTHING WAS DONE about this anti-trust case during war years, but prosecution of the case is now scheduled to begin in Lincoln, Neb., on April 23. So the rail lobby must work fast to forestall government action.

Sen. Charles W. Tobey, New Hampshire Republican, is so aroused in opposition to the Reed bill that he took the floor on January 31, even before the measure reached the Senate. His speech was given little, if any, space by the Big Business press.

He pointed out that "No person in this country, and no article of consumption, will be unaffected by the proposal to exempt rate-fixing and fare-fixing from the anti-trust laws. . . . Let not the propaganda dishearten those who want to protect the small businessman and the farmers and the great multitude of consumers in this country. We have a real opportunity to defeat this threat to the public and to our economy. . . ."

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WHILE THIS LOBBY battle continues in Congress, railroads are enjoying considerable prosperity, despite their recent wails in the newspapers.

Their net profit for 1946 totalled $286,000,00. More than half of this amount—$170,000,000 — came in tax refunds from the U. S. Treasury and thus from the tax-payers of the country.

— Press Roundup —

Hearst Thinks It's Immoral To Organize

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN shows what is behind its agitation against "the jurisdictional strike." The Hearst paper believes "all strikes cause unnecessary and injurious unemployment," so it demands legislation against "the immoral practices of organized labor." When there is no organized labor at all Hearst will be satisfied.

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THE POST'S Edgar Ansel Mowrer tries to scare the daylights out of the government to get it to intervene against the French left. "If France goes Communist, Italy can hardly be held. If France and Italy go, western Europe cannot be held. . . . In that case, all Europe will follow. . . . If Europe goes, Africa will go along. . . ." And then, "the middle east cannot be held. . . . If the middle east goes, the rest of the non-Soviet Asia will follow almost surely." Having raised such a specter, Mowrer reminds Wall Street: "We possess all necessary funds." And billions should be enough to purchase the soul of France. Some people can be bought, so Mowrer figures the same is possible with a nation like France.

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THE SUN can understand why "the teachers of Buffalo are dissatisfied with their salary schedule." But it can't see why they strike.

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THE TIMES growls for action against the teachers: "All government faces a breakdown if the right of a civil service employe to strike is recognized and is not only permitted to go unpunished but is also actually rewarded." Oh yes, the **Times** also grants "that the teachers in Buffalo are not paid enough." For years those teachers have ben stalled. As a last resort they strike. The **Times** says punish them.

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PM'S Thomas F. Reynolds reveals: "Two great financial interests in the USA have been contending under cover for three years for control of the richest prize seized by the Federal Government under the Trading-With-the-Enemy-Act, the $100,000,000 General Aniline & Film Corp." This corporation "was a unit in the master scheme of the Nazi I. G. Farben Co. . . ." Remington-Rand and Aviation Corp. are the two firms trying to take over.

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THE HERALD TRIBUNE reminds its readers that the atom bomb is "a short-term monopoly." It urges an international control system instead of "futile Red hunting."

The **Tribune** is disturbed that "American and British military government officials in Germany do not seem greatly concerned . . ." about the Nazi underground. It suggests "encouraging within Germany itself constructive elements that will have the will and the means to combat the Nazi and militarist fanatics." The **Trib** could be much more concrete if it asked encouragement for the German workers who demand division of the Junker estates and nationalization of German big business.

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THE NEWS says "profits have gone from war." The little matter of $52,000,000,000 corporation profits during the war must have been a printer's error in official government figures.

WORTH REPEATING

Jean Jacques Roussean wrote: "Nothing is more dangerous than the influence of private interests on public affairs; and the abuse of the laws by the government is a less evil than the corruption of the legislator, which is the infallible result of the pursuit of private interests." **Social Contract.**

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Red-Baiting & Rising Prices

THE price of pork chops is again nearing a dollar a pound.

Hog prices on the Chicago market passed the $29 a hundredweight level, beating the high mark set when the OPA went out of the window.

All meats are going up.

Wheat already sold at $2 a bushel and is still climbing. Egg prices climbed to new all-time highs on the wholesale market.

Those are just a few advance notices of new skyrocketing prices over the retail food counters.

And they come as the government's Bureau of Labor Statistics reports latest retail food prices to be 41 percent above the level of a year ago.

Remember what they told us when OPA was scrapped: about the law of "supply and demand" leveling off prices?

Remember how they urged confidence in dear old "free enterprise" to "balance" everything?

Remember how they pointed to a price dip here and there to "prove" their contention?

Housewives are discovering what a cruel joke this NAM propaganda has been as they pay over the counter. And the worst is yet to come, according to the trend of wholesale prices.

Americans paid profiteering prices in 1946 so Armour profits could reach $30,291,000 over 1945's $9,173,000, or a 228 percent rise; so Swift could have a 33 percent, Cudahy 168 percent and Wilson 105 percent rise over 1945.

So did Ward Baking better its 1945 profit by 225 percent, and Continental Baking by 201 percent. Hardly a major food company that didn't do 100 percent or better above 1945.

Monopolies Are the Real Cause

CIO President Philip Murray brought those facts before the Senate Labor Committee's hearings. He said this drive of monopolies to shoot up profits which, in turn, sends prices skyrocketing, is the real cause of labor disputes and strikes.

Labor has no recourse but to demand wage increases when standards are so ruthlessly undermined. This is why most major unions are now demanding raises.

But what is the reply of the trusts and their mouthpieces in Congress?

Far from paying any attention to Murray's warning, they have stepped up their campaign for anti-labor legislation.

As Murray told ther Senate committee, this drive is hastening us at breakneck pace into an economic crash. It will succeed if all labor and all the forces among the common people do not become sufficiently aroused to combat it.

The Good Fight in Buffalo

BUFFALO'S school teachers are waging the good fight for decency in education.

Gov. Dewey and the local officials had treated their requests with indifference and callousness.

The Buffalo situation is only one dramatic expression of the wreckage which the corporation-minded tories have made of our school system. They have disregarded our children, our teachers and our schools in the name of a false "economy" which protected the rich and hit the plain citizen.

Gov. Dewey, who thinks he can march to the White House over the wreckage of our schools, has refused to grant the state aid our schools badly need. He prefers to hoard the state funds to build up the legend of the "efficient" governor.

The Buffalo teachers face the same enemy that New York labor faces—red-baiters, penny-pinchers, real estate interests and corporation agents.

The middle classes and professional people fought shoulder to shoulder with labor against the Hooverism of the 1930s.

The formation of that political alliance against the tories is more timely than ever.

Letters From Our Readers

Portal-to-Portal, A Six-Year Wait

San Diego, Cal.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A law passed by Congress in 1938 obligated employers to pay portal-to-portal wages.

The employers knew that the law had been passed and was on the statute books and the fact that the courts delayed their interpretation of the law for six years does not relieve them from its provisions for if that was the case, all laws could be nullified by keeping them in the courts for six years.

Politicians, corporation - owned Congressmen, who are more concerned with profits for corporations than they are over wages for workers, excitedly rush forward in defense of the corporations.

They declare that employers should be relieved from paying the extra wages because they entered into contracts with unions in which portal-to-portal pay was not mentioned.

Agents and friends of corporations are constantly suggesting new methods by which corporations can evade taxes or induce workers to increase production without demanding an increase in their wages.

But this plan for nullifying Congressional laws takes the cake for it would open the way for corporations to nullify all laws they do not like by making contracts in which the unwanted laws would be ignored.

I wonder if those who are so earnestly defending corporation profits would have rushed so eagerly to the defense of labor unions if the Supreme Court's decision would have penalized the unions instead of corporations.

FRANK SIMPSON.

East New York Wants To Relax Too

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It's a fine thing that the Daily Worker prints the week-end movie schedules, so that a tired worker doesn't have to buy a different paper if he wants relaxation.

But in preparing the listing you have omitted each week all the movies in East New York—the district where the workers elected Sherbell and Kaplan, and the section which led all others in The Worker drive! H. LEVY.

HOW TO BEAT 'RED SCARE'

By Max Gordon

(Second of three articles)

A STARTLING SIDE of last week's "Black Tuesday" episode in Albany was the vigor with which the usually lethargic and ineffectual Democratic minority attacked Dewey's storm troop treatment of the housing delegation.

Some 15 Democrats bitterly assailed the action on the floors of the two legislative chambers as smacking of Hitlerism and Tammadgeism. They followed the lead of the two American Laborite legislators, Sen. Sherbell and Assemblyman Kaplan, who had previously called attention to the fact that closing the Capitol to the delegation was a direct violation of the State Constitution.

The bulk of the Democrats also argued properly that it made no difference whether or not the delegation was Communist-inspired, as alleged by GOP legislative leaders Oswald Heck and Benjamin Feinberg.

"Today you exclude the Communists," several of them argued. "Tomorrow, you will shut out everyone else who opposes you, including us."

USE DEWEY LINE

But a couple, in disassociating themselves from the Communists, took another tack.

"If you can prove to us the delegation is composed of Communists," they said in effect, "we will back you to the hilt in your ban on it."

The one or two arguing this way were reverting to the tactic of the leading Democratic candidates in the last state election, who thought they could overcome the effects of red-baiting by doing some themselves.

It concedes to Dewey his basic premise; namely, that Communism is a genuine issue, in this case in the struggle for decent housing.

It paves the way for acceptance of his contention that because the Communists favor a public housing program, such a program is somehow suspect.

Obviously, the premise is false. As we showed yesterday, Dewey's aim in projecting it into the state's political picture is to split the Democratic-labor-progressive alliance which opposes him, and to cover up his own opposition to the progressive program of this alliance.

His method is to picture this alliance as the creature of "Communist - dominated splinter groups." Hence every progressive measure advanced by it is inevitably attacked as the creation of these "Communist - dominated splinter groups."

In his Loncoln Day speech in Albany, Dewey actually described the opposition program in the Legislature as a collection of ideas submitted by "crack-pot radicals." The program includes public housing, effective rent control, elimination of discrimination in housing and education, increases in jobless pay and workmen's compensation to meet the levels of other states, more pay for teachers and public workers, continuation of child care, a state university, a minimum wage law, health insurance.

These, in Dewey's agitational book, are a collection of "radical crack-pot ideas."

Some Democrats think their party can escape red-baiting by breaking the alliance with labor and other progressive groups—as Ed Flynn has done in the Bronx. But it is clear from the Dewey method that they would also have to scrap all progressive aspects of their program as well to avoid it. They would have to accept thoroughly the role of tweedle-dee to his tweedle-dum.

Once they put up a real fight for progressive measures, they are bound to be linked by Dewey with the "Communist-dominated splinter groups," meaning those independent groups, like the ALP, which fight for all such progressive measures.

COMMUNISTS' RIGHTS

Certainly, the Democrats cannot escape Dewey's red-baiting by themselves indulging in it. But the Black Tuesday incident carried the story a step further.

There were, unquestionably, Communists among the thousand housing delegates, as there are in any progressive struggle or move-

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NAACP Sues to Void S. Carolina White-Vote Law

The State of South Carolina is the defendant in a federal court suit challenging the constitutionality of its "white primary" law and testing similar laws passed in Georgia and pending in other states.

The NAACP office here said South Carolina and Georgia were attempting to evade a 1944 U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Texas primary case. The decision outlawed methods by which southern states had deprived Negroes of their voting rights for decades.

The NAACP suit, filed Feb. 21 against the election managers and the Democratic Executive Committee of Richland County, charges they refused to permit George Elmore, qualified Negro voter, to vote in the 1946 primary.

14TH AMENDMENT

Violation of the 14th Amendment is charged. The complaint declares that the South Carolina Legislature in 1944 repealed all primary statutes for the purpose of resting sole control of the primaries in the hands of the Democratic Party as such, and with the aim of blocking Negro voters in spite of the Supreme Court.

The complaint quotes the outright lynch-appeals by then Gov. Olin D. Johnston, now U. S. Senator, in his message calling the special session that repealed the primary laws:

"If these statutes are repealed, in my opinion, we will have done everything within our power to guarantee white supremacy in the primaries of our state insofar as legislation is concerned. Should this prove inadequate, we South Carolinains will use the necessary methods to retain white supremacy in our primaries and to safeguard the homes and happiness of our people. White supremacy will be retained in our primaries. Let the chips fall where they may."

WEST COAST DOCKERS BLAST RED-BAITING

SAN FRANCISCO. — Red-baiting is a "technique used to divide and conquer" democratic organizations and institutions declared the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in a special statement on the subject released here today.

The statement of "policy on red-baiting" was adopted by the executive board of the union headed by Harry Bridges at its recent meeting in Honolulu.

The statement follows in full:

Red-baiting is a technique used to divide and conquer. Red-baiting is a device resorted to by powerful individuals and monopolies to destroy democratic organization and institutions that can effectively protect and advance the interests of the majority of people. Red-baiting was an important part of the program of Adolph Hitler and the Nazi philosophy to enslave and rule the world. Red-baiting is a common weapon of all large employers of labor, their stooges and labor spies, to attack unions. Red-baiting, in short, is a weapon that aims at the destruction of any workers' organization or democratic institution.

The ILWU, its membership and its officers, have been red-baited by experts, including Goebbels and Dies, Rankin and Bilbo. Our union's efforts during the pre-war period to expose the evil intent and plans of the Nazis, the Italian and Spanish Fascists and Japanese militarists by our union's boycott of shipments of war materials and scrap iron to these countries was denounced as a "monstrous communist red plot." Our union ignored such outcries and continued its efforts to bring to the attention of the American people the reasons for the ultimate uses of such war materials. Our union's attitude and fears concerning the danger of the plans of would-be Nazi and Fascist world dictators was eventually vindicated when the majority of the world's people recognized that Franco-Spain, Hitler-Germany, Fascist-Italy, militaristic-Japan were enemies of world democracy and peace.

We have been attacked time and again for our refusal to discriminate against any member in our ranks because of color, race, political or religious beliefs. Professional red-baiting scoundrels have viewed with alarm our union's extremely democratic methods of electing its officers and formulating its policies by secret ballot, and for providing within our union constitution every means for our working members to control and operate their union as their own. The ILWU, its program, policies and funds are the property of its members and its members only. No one else determines its program. No one else will.

Our union, its officers, and its members are important and integral parts of the American communities in which our union lives and functions. It has no interests separate and apart from the interests of the community. It does not intend to have any such interests.

We are proud of the unity of our union. We are proud of its growth and progress over the past years. We are particularly proud of the substantial gains registered by our whole union in wage-hour improvements in the past year. We ascribe a large part of such progress to the fact that none of our union's energy or time or unity has been wasted or dissipated by trying to defend ourselves against red-baiting accusations from any source.

Our union's record of protecting and advancing the interests of all its members irrespective of their beliefs or station in life speaks for itself. The loyalty of all its national and local officers and executive board members in performance of their duties as instructed by the union's rank and file, constitutes an official record that is available to all.

We therefore resolve that:

1. We, the International Executive Committee of the ILWU meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, record ourselves and our entire membership as recognizing the evil purposes and objectives of red-baiting, and we unreservedly condemn red-baiting in any form.

2. We wholeheartedly reaffirm our belief in the fundamental and constitutional principles of our union, which forbid all forms of discrimination against any member because of race, creed, color or political belief.

3. We call upon all ILWU local unions and their membership to stand together more than ever, to close ranks, to beware of red-baiting, to expose it in its true light, and thus be prepared to meet the coming onslaught now being organized by labor's enemies everywhere against our union, its democratic traditions and procedures, and the greatly improved economic conditions of its rank and file.

4. And we finally serve notice upon all red-baiters, misguided or otherwise, that we as a union will refuse to be intimidated in any way or forced to deviate in the slightest degree from our officially-declared and democratically-determined union objectives by red-baiting attacks upon any of our members or our officers.

Probe Collapse Of Bleachers

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 25.—The president of Purdue University blamed a "structural failure" today for the collapse of bleacher stands in Purdue's Field House, which killed two students and injured 250 basketball fans last night.

President Frederick L. Hovde said the materials for the all-wooden bleachers were "bought from a reputable company" and used without mishap during the football season.

Hovde's statement was made in a report to Gov. Ralph F. Gates. He told the Governor that 166 persons were treated at hospitals and 142 of the injured remained there today.

Hovde and Gates appointed an investigating committee which included two members of the Indiana Legislature, now in session at Indianapolis.

THE NEW MASSES NEEDS YOUR HELP

By Jack Stachel

The **New Masses** is now engaged in a great effort to assure publication. What a blow it would be for the progressive movement of our country if this great and courageous voice would be stilled! None of us would want that. Yet it is a fact that most of us have placed the entire burden of this publication upon the shoulders of a small group of devoted men and women who publish the magazine and a small number of loyal supporters who sustain it.

Now the time has come when those of us who realize the role and value of the **New Masses** must also take our share of the burden. To fail in this is take upon ourselves the responsibility for the consequences that lack of greater support would mean. The costs of publishing the **New Masses** has increased as has the cost of all publications. The reactionary forces in the country are increasing their attacks on all labor and progressive organizations and institutions. There is only one way to meet this challenge. It is to rally greater support than ever to the **New Masses.**

The November elections have once again made clear the importance of the type of publication that **New Masses** is and the urgent necessity to widen its circle of readers and its influence. This becomes all the more important now that the people of our country are engaged in great battles to prevent reaction from realizing its aims, now that the people must organize themselves for the fateful 1948 elections.

Reaction has made headway in confusing large sections of the middle classes and professionals and at least temporarily alienating them from the labor movement. Reaction has launched a broad attack against the labor movement aiming to weaken and destroy the trade unions. Reaction is using the poison of red-baiting to divide and weaken the developing labor-progressive coalition against the trusts—the enemies of all the common people. The **New Masses** speaks to many thousands of middle-class people and professionals as well as to workers. It is necessary that this work is extended. And at this very moment the **New Masses** is confronted with a danger to its very existence.

This in brief is the challenge. It is a challenge which all progressives, Communists and non-Communists alike, must meet. And certainly the Communists must show an example to all by rallying to the support of the **New Masses** in this critical hour.

WHAT'S ON

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● Featured Programs

MORNING

11:00-WOR—News—Prescott Robinson
●WNBC—Fred Waring Show
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey
WQXR—News; Other People's Business—Alma Dettinger
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test—Quiz
11:30-WNBC—Jack Berch Show
WOR—Easy Does it, Music
WJZ—Hollywood Story—Sketch
WCBS—Grand Slam, Musical Quiz
WQXR—Musical Personalities
11:45-WNBC—Lora Lawton—Sketch
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
WCBS—Rosemarie—Sketch

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—News Reports
WOR—Home Edition—News
WJZ—Kenny Baker Show.
WCBS—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WABC—Metropolitan News
WOR—Checkerboard Jamboree
WCBS—Aunt Jenny's Stories
12:30-WNBC—Maggi McNellis
WOR—News; So This Is Love
WJZ—News; Talk—Nancy Craig
WCBS—Helen Trent
12:45-WNBC—Post Parade—Show Tunes
WCBS—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Better Half Matinee
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WCBS—Big Sister—Sketch
●WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ—Powers Charm School
WCBS—Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR—Listen Here, Ladies
WCBS—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WJZ—Galen Drake
1:45-WNBC—Gov. Dwight Green of Illinois
WOR—The Answer Man
WCBS—Road of Life—Sketch
2:00-WNBC—Today's Children—Sketch
WOR—Daily Dilemmas
WJZ—Kiernan's Corner
WCBS—Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR—News; Program Favorites
2:15-WNBC—Woman in White—Sketch
WJZ—The Woman's Exchange
WCBS—Perry Mason—Sketch
2:30-WNBC—Masquerade—Sketch
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WCBS—Lone Journey—Sketch
WQXR—Curtain at 2:30
2:45-WNBC—Light of the World—Sketch
WCBS—Rose of My Dreams
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WJZ—Ladies Be Seated
3:00-WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WCBS—Bouquet for You
WQXR—News; Opera House
3:15-WNBC—Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC—Pepper Young's Family
WOR—Rambling With Gambling
WJZ—Pat Barnes—Talk
WCBS—Winner Take All
3:45-WNBC—Right to Happiness
WJZ—Studio Tour
4:00-WNBC—Backstage Wife
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ—Tommy Bartlett Show
WCBS—House Party
●WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC—Stella Dallas—Sketch
4:25-WCBS—News Reports
4:30-WNBC—Lorenzo Jones—Sketch
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Cliff Edwards, Songs
WCBS—Hollywood Jackpot
4:45-WNBC—Young Widder Brown
WOR—Buck Rogers—Sketch
WJZ—Dick Tracy—Sketch
5:00-WNBC—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Hop Harrigan—Sketch
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WCBS—School of the Air
WQXR—News; Today in Music
5:15-WNBC—Portia Faces Life
●WOR—Superman—Sketch
WJZ—Sky King—Sketch
WQXR—Latin-American Rhythms
5:30-WNBC—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Captain Midnight
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WCBS—Treasury Bandstand
WQXR—Cocktail Time
5:45-WNBC—Front Page Farrell
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix

EVENING

6:00-WCBS—Eric Sevareid—News
WHN—Ted Husing's Bandstand
WJZ—News; Joe Hasel, Sports
WMCA—News; Miniature Revue, Music
WNBC—Kenneth Banghart, News
WOR—George Putnam, News
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WCBS—Word from the Country, Forum
WJZ—Ethel and Albert, Play
WMCA—Mr. Hollywood; Music
WNBC—Serenade to America
WOR—Bob Elson, Interviews
6:25-WQXR—New York News
6:30-WCBS—Red Barber, Sports
WJZ—Allen Prescott, Comments
WMCA—Racing Results
WOR—Vandeventer, News
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:40-WNBC—Bill Stern
6:45-WCBS—Robert Trout, News
WHN—Adrienne Ames, B'way News
WJZ—The Fitzgeralds, Chatter
WNBC—Lowell Thomas, News
WOR—Stan Lomax
7:00-WHN—G. H. Combs, News
●WCBS—Mystery of the Week, Play
WJZ—Headline Edition
WMCA—News; Hollywood Harmonies
WNBC—Chesterfield Supper Club
WOR—Fulton Lewis, News
WQXR—News; Concert Stage
7:15-WCBS—Jack Smith, Songs
WHN—Sports Final
WJZ—Elmer Davis, News
WNBC—World News
WOR—Answer Man
7:30-WJZ—Lone Ranger, Play
●WCBS—Ellery Queen, Mystery
●WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh, Comments
WNBC—Barry Wood, Songs
WOR—Strange As It Seems
7:45-WMCA—Musical Playhouse
WNBC—Clifton Utley—Comments
WNEW—Jeff Clark, News
WOR—Bill Brandt, Sports
8:00-WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
●WCBS—Jack Carson, Comedy
WMCA—News; Report on UN
WNBC—Dennis Day, Comedy
WOR—Can You Top This? Comedy
●WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—Skip Farrell Show
8:30-WCBS—Dr. Christian, Play
WHN—Bunkhouse Jamboree, Music
WJZ—Willie Piper, Play
WMCA—Music That Lives
WNBC—Great Gildersleeve, Comedy
WOR—It's Up to Youth, Forum
8:55-WCBS—Bill Henry, News
9:00-WMCA—News; Concert on the Mall
●WJZ—Paul Whiteman Show
●WCBS—Frank Sinatra Songs
●WNBC—Duffy's Tavern, Comedy
WNEW—Pleasure Parade
WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News
WQXR—News; Concert Hall
9:15-WNEW—American Theatre Wing
WOR—Real Stories
9:30-WJZ—Pot o' Gold, Variety
●WCBS—Dinah Shore, Music Variety
WMCA—Halls of Congress
●WNBC—Mr. District Attorney
WOR—Let's Go to the Movies
WQXR—Designs in Harmony, Music
9:45-WQXR—Great Names, Records
10:00-WMCA—News; Footlight Revue
●WCBS—Hollywood Players, Drama
●WJZ—Bing Crosby, Variety
●WNBC—Frank Morgan, Comedy
WOR—Did Justice Triumph?
WQXR—Opera Preview
10:30-WMCA—News
●WCBS—Information Please, Quiz
●WJZ—Henry Morgan, Comedy
●WNBC—Kay Kyser, Music Quiz
WOR—Symphonette
WQXR—Just Music
10:45-WMCA—Music By Americans
11:00-WCBS, WNBC, WJZ, WOR—News

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● 9:00—Masterwork Hour. Music of Johann, Josef and Edward Strauss.
9:55—News Summary.
10:00—"Good Maternity Care."
10:15—Musical Comedy Memories.
10:30—Women in the News. Helen Brockman.
10:45—Health Department. Nutrition News.
10:50—Music Time. (RX).
10:55—News Summary.
11:00—"At Your Command."
11:30—BBC Radio Newsreel.
11:45—Music Time (RX).
11:55—News Summary.
●12:00—Midday Symphony. "Piano Concerto in C Major (K.467) by Mozart.
12:55—News Summary.
1:00—Missing Persons Alarms.
1:05—City News Summary.
1:15—Jazz Classics, with Jack Lazare.
1:55—News Summary.
2:00—Official U.S. Weather Report.
2:05—Symphonic Matinee. "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Moussorgsky.
3:55—News Summary.
4:00—Four Strings at Four. "Sonata for Violin and Piano" by Franck.
4:30—"Science for the Seven Million," Museum of Natural History.
4:55—News Summary.
● 5:00—Music for Young People. Greenwich House School of Music.
5:30—Songs at Eventide. Ralph Vitale, Tenor.
5:45—Brooklyn Botanical Garden Series.
5:55—News Summary.
● 6:00—"Behind the Scenes in Music." Rehearsal of the National Orchestral Association. Leon Barzin, Conductor.
6:45—Official U.S. Weather Report. USES "Help Want Ad Column of the Air."
6:55—News Summary.
7:00—Masterwork Hour. Music of Johann, Josef and Edward Strauss.
7:55—News Summary.
8:00—Beyond Victory. "Atomic Power Plants of Tomorrow," Dr. Philip Morrison of the Cornell Physics Department.
8:15—Straight Facts for Veterans. Official Veterans Administration Program.
8:30—Spotlight Varieties.
8:55—News Summary.
● 9:00—Douglas Johnson, Pianist.
9:30—David Randolph. Chamber Chorus.
9:55—News Summary.
10:00—FM ONLY. The City Hour. Music and Public Service Announcements.
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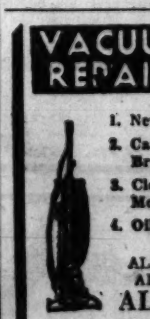

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I still say that when NYU scores 60 points and loses to Notre Dame 64-60 the game is becoming unbalanced. Offense is running away from defense. The goal, the ultimate objective of the game, is getting too cheap. Defensive skill and ball handling, while still evident, are increasingly giving way to a rat race up and down the floor.

Basketball writing has best expressed the trend. Scribes are finding it almost impossible to construct a chronological account of any one game that would say much more than "Doakes scored making it 40-30. Blow retaliated making it 40-32," etc.

In some of these fantastic 110-90 pro games where the abandonment of finesse has been even more marked, there seems little point in starting the account of the scoring until the last five minutes, when the goals sometimes start meaning something. For that matter there often seems little point in starting the game itself until the last five minutes.

Now we don't expect every basketball fan to agree with us. The subject is certainly controversial. Lots of baseball fans like 14-13 slugfests and Betty Grable. I like 3-2 games and Ida Lupino. As they used to say before Dewey shut the gates at Albany, it's a free country.

The Pendulum Swings

THERE ARE MANY reasons for the development of super-scoring in the past few seasons. The big change began when they stopped lining up at center after each goal and allowed the scored-on team to grab the ball out of the basket and hightail it back up the court without wasting a second. The ten-second rule, requiring the offensive team to bring the ball up past midcourt in that time, effectively ended the leisurely all-over-the-court tactics and master freezing ability best exemplified by the old St. John's Wonder Five.

The changes were good at the time. The balance had been way over on the side of defense, and scoring was as low as it is high today. For some years after the new rules went into effect scoring stayed within reason. Defense was still a big factor.

The fact that with no further changes in rules the scoring has suddenly mounted astronomically is something to give coaches and fans pause. Has the momentum of the pell-mell score a minute game carried along some of the coaches to the point where they aren't teaching defense the way they used to? We're just asking.

When Rhode Island State's firehorse teams, rushing the trend to its logical conclusion, came into the Garden for the first time with an all-out attack and a frank abandonment of defense the court cognescenti smiled and said, **"It ain't basketball."** But this very season I saw Oregon beat NYU 85-60 and it looked a lot like Rhode Island State basketball to me.

A Suggestion

'TIS SAID THERE'S not much point in bringing up a beef unless you're prepared to throw out a constructive suggestion. Ye Scoreboard has a suggestion. For what it's worth, several old-time basketball men and current players think it sounds good.

Anyhow, it's simple. After each goal is scored, let the referee handle the ball as he does on an out of bounds play and allow, say five seconds, before he hands it over to the scored-on team.

This would accomplish several things. A player who drives through for a lay up shot and winds up ten feet behind the court or on the laps of the first row of spectators will have a chance to scramble back to the defense. As it is now he is often out of the play, penalized for being fast and skillful enough to get underneath. And the other team breaks down the floor against an undermanned defense.

Just those few seconds pause after each goal would take some of the helter-skelter all-the-way-at-once slapdash out of the game and automatically put more emphasis on all-round attacking ability and ball handling. Speed will still pay off, but so will skill. Less shots will be taken—Monday night Notre Dame sunk 29 out of 83 and NYU dropped 25 of 97. By the same token there will be less wild scrambling underneath for haphazard shots, hence less tip-ins by six-foot-seven giants.

45-38. Doesn't that sound nice? Or do YOU like it better this way?

Another Joe Louis?

Billy Fox

He looks like Joe Louis. He's coming along at the same age that Louis was when he first started tearing up the fistic pea-patch. He's had 43 fights, all ending with knockout wins; so he must hit with something of Joe Louis' force.

That's Billy Fox for you, a 21-year old Negro kid out of Philly who will be levelling his potent right hand on Gus Lesnevich's chin Friday night at the Garden. If Gus finishes up like all the other Fox victims, this new phenom will be the world's light-heavy king.

To carry the Fox-Louis comparison a bit further, the quiet kid owns the same type of broad sloping shoulders spread over a six-foot frame smoothly packed with 174 pounds of power.

And while Billy's unparalleled knockout record doesn't include any of the top men in the light-heavy division, he has belted out such husky gents as George Kochan and Nate Bolden. His two longest fights both came against middleweight Ossie "Bulldog" Harris, whom he twice kayoed in the tenth rounds.

Those who've seen the kid in action don't question his punching prowess, but argue that he possesses none of the boxing skill which supplemented Joe Louis' socking strength at a comparable stage of the Bomber's early career.

But it should be remembered that even Joe Louis had things to learn as he ploughed through the heavy ranks in the late 30's.

Billy has drawn inspiration from the great Louis and while he's frank enough to admit he's not too anxious to meet Joe inside that squared circle, he would like to be the heavyweight champion of the world some day.

But he's got a big enough job on his hands in the person of mister Lesnevich.

NYU Boys Thought They 'Shoulda Won'

"We shoulda' won," moaned the NYU boys in disgusted chorus after Monday night's ding dong 64-60 loss to Notre Dame at the Garden. Truth to tell the Violets did blow more shots than is their won't including 10 out of 20 foul attempts. But the Irish—and Irish they really are this year with brilliant freshman Kevin O'Shea leading the scorers—were right there to take advantage of every NYU slipup and to outfight them down to the final whistle.

Whatever else the game was, it was certainly exciting. After spotting ND an early 8 point lead, the local lads, led by the superb Sid Tannenbaum, closed the margin to 32-29 at the half. It was the kind of game where one team would grab the ball right from a bemused opponent's hand, get sloppy in turn and have it stolen right back. But some of the shooting especially O'Shea's unstoppable one handers, was brilliant.

NYU went briefly into the lead with two minutes to go as the house went crazy. But ND bustled right back strong to go into a four point lead 62-58. A long heave by Forman, who got hot in the second half and ended up high with 20 points, cut it down to two points with a minute to go but instead of freezing the ball the Irish stormed right back and O'Halloran let fly with a one hander from way out that had Coach Krause up on his bench clapping his head in despair.

But it went in and later when Krause asked the sub why in the world he had risked the shot that had it missed would have given NYU possession only 2 behind, the youngster said earnestly, "Oh I knew it would go in!"

NYU coach Cann started Dolhon and Tom Kelly, keeping the injured Lumpp and the slumping DeBonis on the bench. Tannenbaum, Forman and Schayes played the entire 40 minutes. It is doubtful if Lumpp would have made a decisive difference however. The Irish, now rated No. 2 in the land behind Kentucky, seemed to be able to pour it on as they needed it and the locals didn't have the defense to stop them.

And what a team they'll be next year. Three of the visiting stars are just freshmen!

TONIGHT

Two more Labor hoop games are on tap tonight as Local 125 tackles Gimbels at Seward Park, and the Fur "A" squad goes against Local 830 at Brooklyn Tech.

The Fur 125 quint has copped seven straight in its undefeated skein to hold the top tourney rung along with the Furriers Joint Board.

DiMag's Heel Not Healing

There was much more disturbing news for Yankee manager Bucky Harris Monday evening than the not too meaningful 12-8 loss to the Puerto Rico team. It was the opinion of Dr. Mal Stevens that Joe Di Maggio's heel was healing so slowly that he might miss at least a month of the season, unless an immediate skin grafting operation was tried. The decision on the latter is hanging fire.

Romania's Top Athletes Coming Right Out of the Factories

People's sports has really come to bat in Romania since L-Day, Liberation, that is. Topflight Romanian athletes today hail from the Popular Sports Organization (OSP), an outfit of 140,000 members with 80 percent of them trade unionists.

OSP was formed three weeks after Romania overthrew the Nazis on Aug. 23, 1944 and has grown at a phenomenal pace. The most popular of its activities are football, volley ball, boxing, skiing, swimming, water polo and basketball. OSP owns a newspaper with a daily circulation of 25,000; sponsors over 650 clubs, and supplies its membership with 200 different stadiums.

Twelve of the top football teams in Romania are composed of railway workers. Not far behind are a couple of teams from textile and steel factories. The three bobsled teams that will represent Romania at the international title races in Switzerland are mainly comprised of trade unionists now being trained by OSP instructors.

Since most Romanian workers can't afford to maintain sports clubs, the government gives OSP an outright grant as well as 5 percent of the income from race tracks, 5 percent of the entertainment tax, the return from special stamps and 20 percent of the income from any sports event.

Czechs Celebrate

Czechoslovakia's copping of the European hockey championship over the weekend has the fans of that country bubbling over. Reports from Prague say that the Czechs have talked about nothing else since their team took the title. An amusing sidelight is that the Czech team would have wound up deadlocked for first place with Sweden, if the Austrian pucksters hadn't defeated the Swedes Sunday. Since then the Austrian team has been showered with gifts of all sorts for helping to bring the world's amateur hockey crown to Czechoslovakia.

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BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

Blues at Midnight

Big Bill Broomzy will be heard on People's Songs "Honky Tonk Blues At Midnight" jamboree at Town Hall this Saturday night, March 1. Sharing the platform with him will be Memphis Slim and Sonny Boy Williamson, jazzmen in from Chicago, and New York's Sidney Becht, James Johnson and Pops Foster. Alan Lomax will act as "narrator." Tickets at Town Hall and People's Songs, 235 E. 11 St., N. Y. C.

AYD Musical Revue Alive with Youth

An audience that felt as alive, as youthful and as democratic as it looked gave a rousing welcome Saturday night to the AYD's new musical revue, As Young as You Feel at the Pauline Edwards Theatre. The revue, which will be repeated on Feb. 28 and March 1, is a fast-moving, colorful, clever production in which the enthusiasm and sincerity of its cast more than make up for anything they may lack in the way of smoothness and polish.

In **As Young As You Feel**, the progressive students of AYD have their say on aspects of the current scene varying from the problems of young love to the Atom-bomb, from Hollywood to the Rankin Committee, from race-prejudice to Westbrook Pegler. Their comments have a truth and an awareness that Broadway could use.

The Man Who Read Westbrook Pegler, done in excellent pantomime by Artie Torg, concerns a timid worker who believes everything he reads in Pegler's columns. One day he receives a union leaflet at the plant, eats it in alarm during an anti-union tirade by the boss, and finally, when he has "digested" the leaflet, realizes that his only freedom lies in organizing with his fellow workers against the plant's speedup—or, as the sketch has it: "If Pegler makes you Irregular, Don't Alkalize, Organize!"

RADIO SKETCH

Liberal Commentator with music and lyrics by Harold Rome is a telling attack on the increasing monopolization of the airwaves by reactionary news analysts. "Don't be a liberal commentator," warns the song, else, "out you go, out you go!" And who is left?—Kaltenborn, Upton Close, John O'Donnel and their ilk.

Academic Epidemic which sends Groucho Marx and Ravelli to work as spies for the Rankin Committee, takes some healthy slaps at red-baiting in our colleges. It kept the responsive audience very happy.

Well-received also were **Belle of the May Day Parade** (She's the "Slick Chick"); Ruth Tarson's take-off on Greer Garson as **Madame Curie; Swing Your Partner**, a group of American folk dances; and **Artie Faces Life** which combines a burlesque of radio soap-operas with the smiles of the AYD at some of its own organizational problems.

As Young As You Feel is fun-loving, witty, and very much alive to the dangers of reaction. It is American, Young, and Democratic. It is the AYD.—R. P.

'Man's Hope' At the Irving

The pro-Loyalist film **Man's Hope** made in Spain during the civil war has opened an engagement at the Irving Place Theatre. The second feature is the Soviet film **This Is the Enemy.**

Hollywood Producers Find New World Tough Going

By Samuel Sillen

American film monopolists used to ride roughshod over smaller countries, but they are learning that the world has changed. Consider. the following two stories from Norway and Mexico.

From Oslo comes word that a scheduled showing of **The Grapes of Wrath** has been cancelled by the municipal authorities. Reason? American distributors of the film had insisted that Oslo audiences be told that conditions depicted in the film are not "normal" in the United States.

The distributors "demanded" that a notice be inserted at the beginning and end of the film saying that the conditions shown in **The Grapes of Wrath** were "the result of natural disasters and accidents caused by inevitable economic factors."

The U.S. film distributors made a further demand: Norwegian audiences must be told that the conditions portrayed "had been improved after having been called to the attention of authorities."

In an editorial last Monday, the **N.Y. Herald-Tribune** found the Oslo objections "obscure." But they are not at all "obscure" if you put yourself in the position of the Norwegian authorities.

The fact is that the film moguls make no such demands when they sell pictures abroad which create an image of a never-never land in which there are no poor people, no lynchings of Negroes, etc., etc.

If every American film came in with an explanatory note that conditions portrayed were not "normal," one could applaud the distributors' devotion to truth. But to single out a film like **The Grapes of Wrath** is to build up the idea that the other pictures are representative.

The people in Oslo are evidently no fools. They remember that it was President Roosevelt who said that one-third of our nation was ill-housed, ill-fed, and ill-clothed. They see no reason why in buying a film like **The Grapes of Wrath** they must be forced to apologize for the existence of oppressive forces in America. Nor do they seem willing to insult their citizens with the legend that the human hardship shown in **The Grapes of Wrath** resulted from windstorms and unavoidable "accidents."

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The Hollywood dream merchants insult the American public every day, but they wouldn't dare offer the American people such "explanations" of **The Grapes of Wrath.** Or the myth that the conditions were automatically improved when called to the attention of authorities, as if the problem were as simple as plumbing.

The film ambassadors of good will want to have their cake and eat it. They want people abroad to swallow uncomplainingly the phony image of America concocted in their run-of-the-mill productions. But they want people to accept a Hollywood lecture in political economy as the condition for seeing a fairly honest picture like **The Grapes of Wrath.**

Curiously enough, the film-makers are not quite so sensitive when it comes to picturing conditions in other countries. From Mexico City comes word that the Department of Interior of Mexico has seized Warner Brothers' films derogatory to Mexico. The films were being made in Tampico in connection with the filming of Bruno Traven's story, **The Treasures of the Sierra Madre.**

What happened was this. The Warner Brothers people were doing scenes in the Liberty Plaza of Tampico and old parts of the city in which drunks, ragged dirty beggars and others astride gaunt burros were being depicted by the actors. Mayor Fernando San Pedro of Tampico contended the portrayals were not authentic.

The stories from Oslo and Mexico City go together. Hollywood "demands" that Norwegian audiences be told that conditions portrayed in **The Grapes of Wrath** are not "normal." In the meantime, Warner Brothers goes down to Mexico to play up scenes with beggars and drunks. And we can rest assured that this picture would not be introduced to American audiences with an explanatory preface.

The old film practices won't work any longer in the democratic, self-respecting countries abroad that Hollywood used to picture as shabby and spineless. It's a new world, and no amount of wire-burning between the State Department and Eric Johnston is likely to make it go backwards.

Hedy Lamarr Stars in Glum Film at Globe

The Strange Woman (now at the Globe) is old-fashioned melodrama with a once-over-lightly of Hollywood's new psychological approach.

A costume piece set in Bangor, Maine of the mid-1820's, the film offers beautiful Hedy LaMarr as a wicked dish who, brought up in poverty by a drunken idler of a father, goes after wealth and position and gets it.

Hedy, as Jenny Hager, weds dour merchant Isaiah Poster, played by Gene Lockhart. She befuddles the foster son (Louis Hayward) into knocking off the old man in order that stepmother and stepson might get together.

The patricide done, capricious Jenny gives stepson Ephriam the air, steals her best friend's beau, George Sanders, dubiously cast as a boss lumberjack.

In between times, possibly to justify the movie's title, Jenny goes around being kind to the poor and showing her better nature.

The net result of all this is a most unbelievable plot, through whose stock situations the players grimly posture as best they can.

Hedy Lamarr's loveliness is about the only antidote to boredom that **The Strange Woman** offers, and as the gloomy film unfolds even that isn't enough.—R. P.

Other Critics on 'Strange Woman'

A. W. Times: Affords Miss LaMarr her meatiest assignment in years.

J. T. McManus, PM: When the film manages to escape from the baleful interiors of Miss LaMarr's thralldom it manages to come absorbingly to life

Otis Guernsey, Herald Tribune: A somber story about a designing woman has been translated to the screen with two many stagy transparencies.

Kate Cameron: Hedy LaMarr is exquisitely lovely

Irene Thirer, Post: Provocative . . . melodramatic . . . perusuasive . . .

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Senate Subcommittee Okays 10% Rent Boost

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The rental subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee yesterday approved a bill to permit a 10 percent rent increase. The Bill, drafted by Senator C. D. Buck (R-Del), chairman of the committee, would take from OPA all authority in rent control and place power to enforce in local courts except in states where enforcement systems are established.

The Buck Bill was reported out by a three to two vote. It was learned that besides Buck, the bill was backed by Senators Cane (Wash) and Bricker (Ohio), also Republicans. Senators Taylor (Idaho) and Fulbright (Ark), Democrats, voted against the report.

The bill now goes back to the full Banking Committee, headed by Sen. Charles Tobey (R-NH). Democrats said the GOP majority, with some help from Southern Democrats, will probably report it out without serious change. It is expected to reach the Senate floor within ten days.

OPA LIFE AT STAKE

A Senate Appropriations subcommittee began consideration this afternoon of HR 1969, adopted last week by the House, which strips OPA of funds. OPA officials pointed out that enactment of either this measure or the Buck bill would mean the end of the agency. Its only function, in addition to rent control, is sugar and rice allocation

The Buck Bill would also do the following: Continue "rent control" until Dec. 31.

- Remove ceilings on new houses and accommodations not rented between Feb. 1, 1946, and Jan. 31, 1947.
- Lift controls on hotels and trailer camps.
- Remove ceilings on all dwellings renting for $225 a month after the new ten percent boost.
- Permit increase above 10 percent on the basis of agreements reached between landlord and tenants for improvements.
- Permit states to apply to a Federal agency (not yet designated) for authorization to take over controls.
- Transfer to the Commerce Department all rent records and files, making them available to courts, landlords or tenants.

The Bill would go into effect on the first day of the first month following its adoption.

Hog, Grain Prices Still Climbing

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Hog, corn and wheat prices soared to new records today as the cost of living spiraled upward toward a predicted all-time high. Livestock men predict $1.00 a pound for pork chops in two weeks.

Steel Cartel, Reich Branch: In the dock at Nuernberg are Friedrich Flick (left) and four associates of Nazi Germany's steel trust. They're "case five" on the program of the International Military Tribunal. Since the acquittal of Hjalmar Schacht, prosecution of the banker-industrialists behind Hitler has lagged.

HOW TO BEAT 'RED SCARE'

(Continued from Page 7)

ment. Most of the Democrats, in fighting Dewey's pro-fascist move, necessarily had to defend the right of Communists to take part in the movement.

This illustrates a general truth. If the Democrats—or any other group which professes to espouse liberal causes—want to beat the anti-Communist scare, they have to battle for the right of Communists to full citizenship everywhere.

This does not mean they have to identify themselves with the Communists or sympathize with their entire program. It does mean they have to strive to put an end to the idea, fostered by reaction, that Communists are somehow outside the pale and have ulterior, un-American motives in the battle for progress.

Unless they get this across, red-baiting will always have a certain effect.

CARRYING THE FIGHT

The struggle against red-baiting cannot, however, remain a defensive one. It can, and has to be, carried to the enemy by making every American aware it is the tool of reactionaries and pro-fascists who inject the false issue of Communism in order to divert the people from the genuine issues of progress; that it is, in effect, an attempt to negate the democratic expression of the people's will regarding these real issues.

The Democratic speeches of last Tuesday partially hit this note. They could have been more effective if more specific; to wit, Dewey was resorting to Hitler-like tactics to cover up his own refusal to act in the housing crisis.

Once this understanding of the source and the roots of red-baiting is gotten across to the people, reaction will have lost its most potent weapon. And it is not simply the responsibility of the Communists to put it over. It is the responsibility of all who associate themselves with liberal and progressive causes.

6,000 Miners Renew Strike

Special to the Daily Worker

LANSFORD, Pa., Feb. 25. — Six thousand anthracite miners today renewed the strike which started in support of 13 sitdown strikers on Feb. 12.

They rejected demands of the Lehigh Valley Navigation Coal Co., a Morgan firm, for a longer work day and a back-to-work plea from their Panther Creek Valley AFL Mine Board.

There were demands from the floor to march on the nearby Wilkes-Barre anthracite district. Others proposed marching on John L. Lewis, union president, and John Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the AFL United Mine Workers.

Hint Lewis In Secret Coal Talk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Disclosure today that John L. Lewis met with Robert B. Young, chairman of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, strengthened reports of secret negotiations to settle the coal dispute before the April 1 deadline.

Young is business associate of Cyrus Eaton, spokesman of Cleveland bankers heavily interested in coal shipping. Eaton was involved in settlement efforts prior to issuance of the federal injunction against the coal miners.

The Supreme Court is expected to decide the mine union's appeal against the injunction before the strike deadline.

BROADWAY BEAT

by BARNARD RUBIN

THE phony anti-labor* American Writers Association *will support the banning of Howard Fast's* Citizen Tom Paine *from the school libraries at the Board of Education hearing today.

The spectacle of a so-called "writers" group favoring censorship of a universally acclaimed book is not so inexplicable when that organization includes "writers" like the following: George Sokolsky, *former propagandist for the Japanese government and now* New York Sun *columnist;* John T. Flynn, *America Firster and Hearst propagandist;* Sen. Joseph A. Ball, *sponsor of vicious union-busting legislation, etc. It's true, the AWA may have roped in some innocents—but all this isn't news. What is news is that the AWA and its vice-president* Rupert Hughes *will certainly look ridiculous when the following story gets around:*

On reading Fast's novel on George Washington, The Unvanquished, *Rupert Hughes wrote in 1942 to the noted author:*

"It is merely echoing the unusual tributes to say how noble a work it is, how alive your Washington is, what flesh and blood he is and how dramatically you bring him up from meekness, bewilderment and terror, into a majesty of human grandeur.

"You have made yourself three noble monuments in your three novels. Let the great work go on.

"My homage to you and my most sincere wishes for your happiness and prosperity. . . ."

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TOWN TALK

Milton Berle and **Zero Mostel** were competing Monday for the role of the garrulous taxi driver in the film version of **Robert Nathan's "Portrait of Jenny."** The screen tests took place at **RKO Pathe's** new studio at 106th Street in lower Harlem. . . .

The rumors that Billy Conn has been taking medical treatment since his fight with Joe Louis is being strenuously denied by his friends. They claim he's in tip-top shape. . . .

David Selznick will start publicizing his new "discovery"—a horse named **Dice.** . . .

Chicago radio station WBBM deserves a hand. A few months ago, it conducted a search for Negro talent. Results were so good, it now has Negro directors, scripters and actors on the permanent staff. Station is now looking for Negro musical talent. . . .

People's Songs' Bulletin, out soon, will feature an expose of a music publishing company which peddles songs with a Bilbo slant. It's the **Independent Music Publishing Service** in Aberdeen, Maryland. . . .

Joe Louis' friends are trying to persuade him to leave the ring now as undefeated champion. (Can't see what they're afraid of. There's still no one around, in my opinion, who can handle Joe.) . . .

Army top brass is being urged to buck **West Point** policy against post-season football games. . . .

John Gielgud's next production here after **Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest"** will be **William Congreve's** bawdy **"Love for Love. . . ."**

Kate Smith's Sunday program will feature scenes from **Arthur Miller's** hit **"All My Sons"** with members of the original cast. . . .

Norman Rosten has done the script for **NBC's** 100th anniversary of the birth of **Alexander Graham Bell.** . . .

Merle Oberon will co-star with **Dana Andrews** in **"Memory of Love. . . ."**

Toscanini's wife back from Italy where she was visiting her daughter, the **Countess Castlebarco.** . . .

Frank Morgan nixed three stage offers when he was in New York recently. . . .

Danny Thomas is writing a book titled **Ringside,** narrating his experiences as a stage and night club comedian. . . .

Charlie McCarthy and **Edgar Bergen** will broadcast their March 16 program from Mexico City. . . .

Finian's Rainbow dancing star **Anita Alvarez** will be interviewed by **Warde Donovan** over **NBC** this Sunday morning at 11:45. . . .

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NEWSPAPER TALK

The Overseas News Agency, which used to pride itself on its foreign coverage, now seems to prefer a reputation ala Hearst. They're peddling stories to newspapers in which allegedly humorous anecdotes are used to illustrate the lie that Jews are discriminated against in government and diplomatic jobs in the Soviet Union.

Even Washington and London "off-the-record" press talks haven't sunk as low as that. . . .

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GOP in Albany Bars Better Rent Law

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Feb. 25.—Republican members of the Joint Legisative Committee on Rents turned down any real amendments to the State Residential Rent Control bill today, and voted to report out a continuation of the program with minor technical changes

Democratic members said they would issue a minority report tomorrow.

Six Republicans last night joined the Democrats and Laborite Samuel Kaplan last night in an effort to force a continuation of the Public Housing program. They were licked 96 to 47, as GOP floor leader Lee Mailler cracked the whip.

Green Rejects CIO Joint Action Bid

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. — AFL president William Green today rejected the CIO proposal for joint labor action to defeat anti-labor bills. CIO president Philip Murray wrote Green last week to suggest that the road to amalgamation lay through common struggle on pending legislation.

Green reiterated his former position that the AFL "stands ready to meet with you and your associates for the purpose of creating organic unity and solidarity within the ranks of labor." But "first things come first," Green said, and "until this is accomplished, no good purpose will be served by attempting to deal with a vital problem in a temporary and make-shift way."

The AFL president also released today a copy of his letter to chairman Robert Taft of the Senate Labor Committee. Murray last Wednesday urged the group to discard plans for outlawing jurisdictional strikes and instead, get him and Green together. Murray said the two labor chiefs with the help of the committee could solve the jurisdictional question without enacting new laws.

In his letter to Taft, Green rejected the proposal, stating that jurisdictional disputes could be ended only after labor established organic unity. A meeting with the CIO head "could only be interpreted as evasion—a refusal to face the facts," Green wrote.